



Los Angeles County
Children's Planning Council
Improving Children's Lives

June 17, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE THE ATTACHED AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR TO THE AGREEMENT NUMBER 74628 BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL FOUNDATION, INC., TO EXTEND THE TENURE OF THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL AND CONTINUE VARIOUS PROGRAM INITIATIVES

(All Districts) (Three Votes)

SUBJECT

Modification of the Children's Planning Council (CPC) Scope of Work and County Contribution terms for purposes of extending the sunset review date for an additional five more years, from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the Amendment Number Four (Attachment A) to Agreement Number 74628, modifying the Scope of Work and County Contribution terms for purposes of extending the sunset review date of the CPC and its various program initiatives for an additional five more years, from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013; and approve Fiscal Year (FY) 2008–09 funding of \$950,000 in net County cost (NCC), representing a potential savings of approximately \$758,000 annually in NCC, which reflects a 44 percent reduction in what was included in the County's 2008-09 Proposed Budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The CPC was established in 1991 by the Board of Supervisors in 1991 to formulate the vision and goals, and promote the planning and coordination needed, to improve results for Los Angeles County children and their families.

The work of the CPC in the last 16 years has been driven by the Board's plan, as outlined in the 1998 report *Laying the Groundwork for Change—Los Angeles County's First Action Plan for Its Children, Youth, and Families*. Much has been accomplished to encourage collaboration and the integration of services across public and private sector agencies since the plan was adopted, including:

- The development of the five outcomes of child well-being (good health, safety and survival, economic well-being, social and emotional well-being, and education and workforce readiness) and the Children's ScoreCard
- The development of and ongoing investments in the SPA/AIC Councils, which form the infrastructure needed to encourage the County's partnerships with communities and the vehicle for ensuring that communities have a voice on matters related to children and families
- The development and tracking of data to promote a focus on results and on more appropriate resource allocation

In addition, the CPC has continued to serve as a neutral convener and broker to address critical overarching issues such as conditions in the juvenile justice system, family economic success, school readiness, prevention, and many others.

Based on an independent evaluation of the CPC's accomplishments and its work toward achieving the five outcomes, the CPC has focused on three "arenas of action" that it believes continue to further its mission of improving children's lives across the five outcomes:

1. Transforming the systems that serve children and families
2. Strengthening the capacity of community to act on its own behalf
3. Building a countywide commitment to outcomes

While these arenas are broad in nature, they continue to reinforce and support the direction described and approved by the Board (County Code 3.69.100):

- To advise the board of supervisors regarding the planning and delivery of services to children in the county
- To study and report to the board of supervisors on ways to eliminate barriers to the prevention and early identification of problems of children and the provision of integrated services to help alleviate those problems
- To identify those areas where needed children's services are not being provided and to recommend to the board of supervisors allocation of existing funding and sources of additional funding to meet those needs
- To study and report to the board of supervisors ways to maximize the effective use of existing federal, state, county and private resources in providing children's services
- To promote collaboration among public and private child-serving agencies

- To develop and maintain a county-wide strategic plan (“plan”) to serve children which involves the entire community, including government agencies, schools, business leadership, academia and all civic and philanthropic groups serving children
- To develop objectives and guidelines to measure the effectiveness of the plan in achieving its goals
- To develop measurable standards of quality and accountability in the delivery of children’s services
- To evaluate and advocate positions on proposed legislation at all levels of government which, if enacted, would significantly affect the safety and welfare of the children

To meet these directives in partnership with the County of Los Angeles, the Children’s Planning Council is committed to the enhancement and continued development of the system of SPA/AIC Councils, setting priorities on the data and policy functions of the organization, and advancing countywide commitments to the five outcomes. The SPA/AIC Councils are an important asset to localized collaborative planning efforts and the community-based input activities of the CPC as a whole. However, the task of improving the lives of children through this vehicle will require further support to strengthen infrastructure, deepen collaborative partnerships, and effectively integrate data and policy priorities into the work of the councils. Drawing from the lessons learned over the past five years, the SPA/AIC Councils can greatly add to the CPC’s ability to deliver on its mission through cross-regional efforts, the strategic engagement of opportunities with County and local government policymakers, data-driven planning, and influencing policies toward child well-being.

The success of the Children’s Scorecard in providing community groups with data to develop projects has been critical to holding government accountable, and remains the centerpiece of the CPC’s work. Strategizing on data and policy priorities with collaborative planning efforts and community-based input will further the work of the Council and pave the way for innovative and creative ways to affect public systems that improve the lives of children.

The CPC is continuing to engage a number of private partners in its work and has committed to increasing its private funding as a way to strengthen the work of its public-private collaborative. But transforming Los Angeles County into the change being sought through the five outcomes of child well-being can only be done in partnership with the County through its continued support and commitment, and through the leadership of the Board of Supervisors and County departments.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

The CPC’s work served as the impetus for Goal 5 of the County’s Strategic Plan—Children and Families’ Well-Being—and the CPC continues to partner with the Service Integration Branch in the implementation of Goal 5. The CPC is a lead partner on various elements of the Service Integration Action Plan recommendations. The SIAP represents one of the key objectives of Goal 5, which helps move forward the County’s service integration efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

This agreement was developed in close collaboration with the Chief Executive Office to take into account the current County fiscal environment as well as the core operating needs of the CPC. The CPC proposes the County allocate a total of \$950,000 in NCC for FY 08-09 and allow the CPC to retain and restructure carryover funds to ensure operational needs are met in FY 08-09 and 09-10. It should be noted that this funding request reflects a 44 percent reduction in NCC to what was placed in the County's 2008-09 Proposed Budget, representing a potential savings to the County of approximately \$758,000. If approved, the County's allocation will consist of \$950,000 in NCC, as well as fiscal contributions of \$99,000 each from the Departments of Children and Family Services, Public Social Services, Mental Health, Health Services, Probation, as well as a \$15,000 contribution from the Public Library.

Additionally, the Children's Planning Council Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) has agreed to help sustain the CPC through a contribution up to \$2.0 million for FY 08-09 and a minimum \$758,000 annually from FY2009-10 through FY 2012-13.

Furthermore, the CPC is requesting a year to year budget process that would balance any new requests for additional funding – which would only occur after thorough review and after close consultation with CEO – along with use of any unspent carryover.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS:

The County entered into Agreement Number 74628 with the Foundation on October 7, 2003. The parties entered into Amendment Number One on November 17, 2004, for the purpose of implementing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign for the period October 1, 2004, to September 30, 2005.

The parties entered into Amendment Number Two for the purpose of providing funding in the amount of \$1,107,500 in fiscal years 2005–2007 for support and in-depth training and technical assistance to the system of SPA/AIC Councils and County partners through a Community Building Institute (now the Center for Community Building) that will house this effort. This Amendment Number Two also provided for the continuation of the EITC Campaign for a second year.

Last year, the parties entered into Amendment Number Three for the purpose of extending the EITC Campaign for a third year, from October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007, in the amount of \$100,000.

The Executive Office will administer and monitor this Agreement on the County's behalf. County Counsel has reviewed and approved as to form the attached amendment.

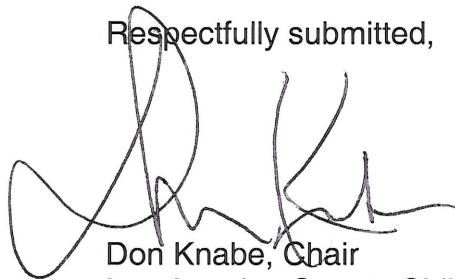
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:

The funds provided through this Amendment will enable the CPC to carry out the County's goal of improving child and family well-being through the alignment of community and departmental priorities through increased community engagement and through strengthening the capacity of communities to act on their own behalf. The CPC's efforts around community building enhance each of the five outcome areas, which guide overall efforts to achieve the county's Vision for children:

"Los Angeles County children should reach adulthood having experienced a safe, healthy, and nurturing childhood which prepares them to become responsible and contributing members of the community."

This Amendment will not infringe on the role of the County in its relationship to its residents, and the County's ability to respond to emergencies will not be impaired. There is no risk exposure to the County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Knabe', written over the typed name.

Don Knabe, Chair
Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council

cc: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller
Service Integration Branch
Interagency Operations Group
Chairman, The Children's Planning Council Foundation, Inc.

ATTACHMENT A

AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 74628
BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL FOUNDATION, INC.

This Amendment Number Four to Agreement Number 74628 is made and entered into at Los Angeles, California, this 17TH day of JUNE, 2008, by and between the County of Los Angeles ("County") and The Children's Planning Council Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation").

WHEREAS, Agreement Number 74628 ("Agreement") was executed on October 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Amendment Number One to Agreement Number 74628 was executed on November 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Amendment Number Two to Agreement Number 74628 was executed on February 6, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Amendment Number Three to Agreement Number 74628 was executed on July 3, 2007; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment Number Four to Agreement Number 74628 in accordance with Section 6, Changes and Amendments, of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual consent herein contained, said Agreement is amended as follows:

1. Section 1 is amended to read:

Section 1.16 Maintain and facilitate the Center for Community Building (CCB), formerly known as Community Building Institute (CBI) that will help enhance the work of the Service Planning Area/American Indian Children's (SPA/AIC) Councils in their efforts to strengthen the capacity of communities to act on their own behalf. The CCB will provide training and technical assistance to SPA/AIC Council staff, their volunteer members, and local leadership capacity to effect local change that helps to improve the County's five outcomes of child well-being through June 30, 2013.

Section 1.17 Participate in *Performance Counts!* Specifically, it will identify, track, and report progress on the CCB

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performance measures to the CEO on an annual basis through June 30, 2013.

Section 1.19 is added to read:

Section 1.19 Oversee and facilitate the County's effort to increase the number of families with children that file and claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and for each fiscal year through June 30, 2013.

Section 1.20 Established the Community Building Mini-Grants Program to help build, strengthen, and support community groups interested in projects that directly or indirectly improve the lives of children for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and for each fiscal year through June 30, 2013.

2. Section 2 is replaced with the following:

Section 2. Term

The term of this Agreement shall commence on date of approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall terminate on June 30, 2013, unless terminated sooner.

3. Section 3.1 is amended to read:

Section 3.1 County Contribution. Upon execution of this Agreement by the Board of Supervisors, County shall contribute \$245,000 ("County Contribution") to be used for the operating expenses of Foundation for the period of date of execution through June 30, 2008. Beginning fiscal year July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, and for each future fiscal year through June 30, 2013, County shall contribute zero dollars (\$0) for the operating expenses of Foundation.

4. Section 3 is amended to add the following:

Section 3.1.5 County shall contribute \$600,000 for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 and for each

fiscal year through June 30, 2013 for the Center for Community Building described in section 1.16 above.

Section 3.1.6 County shall contribute \$350,000 for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 and for each fiscal year through June 30, 2013 for the Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign as described in section 1.19 above.

Section 3.1.7 County shall contribute zero dollars (\$0) for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 and for each fiscal year through June 30, 2013 for the Community Building Mini-Grants Program described in section 1.20 above.

5. Section 3.2 is amended to read:

Section 3.2 Foundation Contribution. Beginning with the fiscal year July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, and for each future fiscal year through June 30, 2008, Foundation shall provide a contribute an amount equal to 50% of the County Contribution for the purpose of assisting in the funding of operations of the Foundation. Beginning with the fiscal year July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, Foundation shall contribute up to \$2,000,000 and beginning with fiscal year July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010 and for each future fiscal year through June 30, 2013, Foundation shall contribute up to \$758,000 per fiscal year for the purpose of assisting in the funding of the operations of the Foundation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number Four to Agreement Number 74628 to be subscribed by the Chair, the seal for such Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk thereof, and Foundation has caused this Amendment Number Four to Agreement Number 74628 to be subscribed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer, on the day, month, and year first above written.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By *Gloria B. Bunker*
Mayor, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

SACHI HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles

By *[Signature]*

I hereby certify that pursuant to
Section 25103 of the Government Code,
delivery of this document has been made.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By *[Signature]* Deputy

THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL
FOUNDATION, INC.

By: *[Signature]*

Name: Roger Sharma

Title: Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By: *[Signature]*
Brandon Nichols
Deputy County Counsel

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